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NEWLY DEPLOYED INFANTRY BRIGADE
MEKELE, ETHIOPIA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: AN ETHIOPIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HAS RECENTLY BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE TOWN OF MEKELE IN TIGRAY PROVINCE IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: [REDACTED] AN INFANTRY BRIGADE WAS NEWLY IDENTIFIED IN A BIVOUAC AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTHEAST OF ALULA ABA NEGA AIRFIELD [REDACTED] THIS BIVOUAC CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 900 TWO-MAN TENTS THAT HAD BEEN ERECTED SINCE 16 NOVEMBER. NO GROUND FORCE WEAPONS OR EQUIPMENT WERE PRESENT IN THE AREA.

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(SWN) THIS BRIGADE HAS PROBABLY BEEN DEPLOYED TO MEKELE TO STRENGTHEN ETHIOPIAN POSITIONS IN TIGRAY AGAINST AN INCREASING LEVEL OF ACTIVITY BY THE INSURGENT FORCES OF THE TIGREAN PEOPLES LIBERATION FRONT. MEKELE IS THE CAPITAL OF TIGRAY AND SERVES AS A MAJOR ETHIOPIAN MILITARY GARRISON IN THE PROVINCE. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) BE NONE, COORDINATES 13-26-03N 039-32-00E

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